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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

- DE 201 15 215 has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 - 13. No translation is available at this time.

- WO 03/055043 discloses an encoder apparatus integrated with a small-size motor.

The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 and 12. No translation is available at this time.

- U.S. Patent 5,712,522 discloses a starter with multi-layered brush structure. The reference has been cited under CATEGORY A as being relevant to INTERNATIONAL claims 1 and 12.

- U.S. Patent 4,167,685 discloses an electrical machine commutator arrangement

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having shaped conductive segments for reduced sparking. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 12.

- GB 1 499 808 discloses improvements in and relating to electrical machines. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to INTERNATIONAL claims 1 and 12.

The following references have been cited in the Search Report of the Priority Application DE 203 12 458.

- U.S. Patent 4,358,699 discloses a versatile electrical fiber brush and method of making.
 - U.S. Patent 4,337,407 discloses insulated strand brushes.
 - DE 101 34 277 discloses electric power take off for electric train uses leaf spring stack for contact pick up, made of beryllium copper, high-quality non-rusting steel, bronze with leaves slit along their length by laser. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
 - DE 199 13 246 discloses a wire guide for transmission of electrical signals, has several groups separated by gaps of guide wires in which each wire group is arranged on finger-shaped spring element.

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	<u>4,358,699</u>	<u>Nov. 9, 1982</u>	<u>Wilsdorf</u>			<u>June 5, 1980</u>
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	<u>GB 1 499 808</u>	<u>Feb. 1, 1978</u>	<u>United Kingdom</u>			<u>Yes</u>
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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